

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Wylie to Hold Clear the Shelters Day Aug. 18

**Wylie, Texas, July 30, 2018** – City of Wylie Animal Services is joining animal shelters across the country to host a Clear the Shelters Day pet adoption event Saturday, Aug. 18, from 9:30 am until the shelter is clear.

On that day, the shelter is waiving adoption fees, and all adoptable animals will have been spayed or neutered, have had all vaccines, have a microchip, have been dewormed, and have been treated with flea and tick eradication and preventive medicine.

This year's Clear the Shelters Day has two national sponsors: Hill's Pet Nutrition and Cat's Pride. Local sponsor Vetoquinol also returns this year.

Wylie Animal Control Supervisor Shelia Patton said, "We will open the doors at 9:30 am, and we can't wait to see all the happy faces and wagging tails as these sweet animals head for their forever homes!"

On Clear the Shelters Day in 2017, over 30,800 animals found new homes. Over the course of the month-long campaign leading up to the event, local shelters and rescue facilities connected over 80,000 animals with new families across the country.

Patton noted that, for the last four years, Wylie has been able to clear the shelter of all adoptable pets. "We hope to make it five in a row!"

Volunteers will be on hand to give out free drinks and snacks, compliments of the City of Wylie.

Wylie Animal Services is located at 949A Hensley Ln. Visitors must be at least 18 years old with valid ID to adopt. For more information, call 972-442-5268, email <a href="mailto:animalcontrol@wylietexas.gov">animalcontrol@wylietexas.gov</a> or visit WylieTexas.gov/adopt.

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 48,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. In 2015, Money Magazine named Wylie the 25<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in the Country, and financial website NerdWallet named Wylie the Best Small City for Young Families in August 2016. Realtor.com named Wylie the second hottest suburb in the country in February 2017.